

Introduced by Senator Hall

February 18, 2016

An act to amend Section 8574.17 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1151, as introduced, Hall. Emergency services: state toxic disaster contingency plan.

Existing law requires the Governor to establish a state toxic disaster contingency plan that provides for an integrated and effective state procedure to respond to the occurrence of toxic disasters within the state.

This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to post the state toxic disaster contingency plan on its Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8574.17 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 8574.17. (a) (1) A state toxic disaster contingency plan
- 4 established pursuant to this article shall provide for an integrated
- 5 and effective state procedure to respond to the occurrence of toxic
- 6 disasters within the state. The plan shall provide for the designation
- 7 of a lead agency to direct strategy to ameliorate the effects of a
- 8 toxic disaster, for specified state agencies to implement the plan,
- 9 for interagency coordination of the training conducted by state

1 agencies pursuant to the plan, and for on-scene coordination of
2 response actions.

3 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the plan, the authority for
4 the management of the scene of an on-highway toxic spill or
5 disaster shall be vested in the appropriate law enforcement agency
6 having primary traffic investigative authority on the highway where
7 the incident occurs or in a local fire protection agency as provided
8 by Section 2454 of the Vehicle Code. During the preparation of
9 the toxic disaster contingency plan, the Office of Emergency
10 Services shall adopt the recommendations of the Department of
11 the California Highway Patrol in developing response and on-scene
12 procedures for toxic disasters which occur upon the highways,
13 based upon previous studies for such procedures, insofar as the
14 procedures are not inconsistent with the overall plan for initial
15 notification of toxic disasters by public agencies and for
16 after-incident evaluation and reporting.

17 (b) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish a central
18 notification and reporting system to facilitate operation of the state
19 toxic disaster response procedures designated by the toxic disaster
20 contingency plan.

21 (c) *The Office of Emergency Services shall post the state toxic*
22 *disaster contingency plan on its Internet Web site.*